

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

MAR 15 2000 GROUP 2700

APPLICANTS:

Huebler et al.

SERIAL NO.:

09/457,999

GROUP ART UNIT: 2768

FILED:

December 10, 1999

TITLE:

"METHOD AND ARRANGEMENT FOR CONTROLLING A

DYNAMIC SCALE"

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,

Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 5,230,391

AB United States Patent No. 4,956,782

AC United States Patent No. 4,935,078

AL United Kingdom Application 2 235 656

AM European Application 0 459 555

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

References AA, AB, and AL were identified and discussed at pages 1 and 2 of the present specification. Reference AA corresponds to European Application 514 107. Applicants stand by the statements in the specification concerning the teachings of these references. Since all of these references are in English, no further commentary concerning their teachings is necessary.

Additionally, the German counterpart to Reference AB and the German counterpart to Reference AM were cited by the German Patent and Trademark Office during examination of the German application corresponding to the present United States application. Since these references are in English as well, no further commentary concerning their teachings is necessary.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application, and therefore, this Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

Submitted by,

HILL & SIMPSON

(Rea. 28,982)

A Professional Corporation 85th Floor - Sears Tower

Chicago, Illinois 60606

Telephone: 312/876-0200 - Ext. 3899

Attorneys for Applicants.